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Parks and Recreation Report: City Council Meeting of October 8, 2008

Roads and Transportation Highlights:

- Hike and Bike Trail Projects
 - Ohio Parkway Trail Connection
 - **Status - PROJECT COMPLETED**
 - Panther Creek – Hillcrest Trail Connection
 - **Status - PROJECT COMPLETED**
 - College Parkway Hike and Bike Trail
 - **Previous Status** – Revised plans are currently being reviewed by Staff. These plans will be submitted to Oncor. Staff will bring an encroachment agreement to City Council for consideration once a draft has been prepared by Oncor.
 - **Current Status** – Staff will be taking the encroachment easement to the City Council in October. Staff is hopeful to start bid procedures on this project in October. Once bids are received, staff will take this to the City Council for their consideration.
 - United States Corps of Engineers 1135 Project
 - **Description** - This project provides for the development of a soft trail system providing a connection from B.F. Phillips Community Park westward to FM 423 and Lake Lewisville.
 - **Previous Status** – No change in status during the month of August.
 - **Current Status** – While staff continues to stay in contact with the Corps of Engineers, there has been no progress to date on the approval of Federal funding for this project. Given the current economic climate with park and recreation funding at the federal level, this may be the case for at least the next year. Staff will explore other potential funding options that might be pursued on this particular project.
 - Stonelake Hike and Bike Trail Connection
 - **Description** - This project provides for a trail linkage from Custer Road west to the Ashley Elementary School site as well as the neighborhood park that lies adjacent to the elementary school site.
 - **Previous Status** – No change in status during the month of August.
 - **Current Status** – The property in question continues to be for sale by the owner and they are resistant to approve an easement that might affect any sale of this property. We will continue to stay in touch with the owner to pursue this easement.



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- Chapel Creek Hike and Bike Trail extension
 - Description – This project will provide for additional linkage of the existing trail to the east towards Preston Road with the expansion of the subdivision.
 - **Previous Status** – An engineer has been contracted to design this trail project and they are currently in the preliminary stages of this project.
 - **Current Status** – Construction plans are approximately 60% complete and staff is working on a developer's agreement with Land Plan for the ultimate construction of this trail. Timing for this construction of this trail will be determined by the developer of the subdivision but hopefully will be begun within the next 9 months, depending on the timing of the subdivision.
- Revision to the Hike and Bike Trail Master Plan
 - Description - The original comprehensive Hike and Bike trail Master Plan was completed in 2001.
 - **Previous Status** – At the August 14, 2008 Parks and Recreation Board meeting, the Board tabled this item until the September 11th meeting of the Board to discuss the implementation plan in more detail. It is anticipated that the Board will act on the plan at this meeting and then it will be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission for action.
 - **Current Status** – During the September 11, 2008 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board, the board approved the revision to the Hike and Bike Trail Master Plan. Next in reviewing the plan and consideration to amend the city's comprehensive plan with the hike and bike trail plan will be the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission is expected to consider this amendment during their October 14, 2008 meeting. Once this has been considered, the Hike and Bike Trail Master Plan will be taken to the City Council for their final consideration.

Facilities and Capital Projects Highlights:

- Building Facilities
 - Senior Center at Frisco Square
 - **Previous Status** - As of August 25, there are 2,364 members at the Senior Center at Frisco Square. This compares to 1,383 from the same time frame in 2007. Congratulations to Judy Florence and her staff on this 71% increase in just one year!
 - In July, there were 568 volunteer hours utilized at the Senior Center. Traditionally, our Seniors have one of the highest volunteer hours within the City.
 - **Current Status** – During the month of August, there were over 130 activities, classes and special events that took place at the Senior Center. All in all, there were over 2,000 seniors that participated in these various activities.



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- Senior Center – Phase II
 - **Status – PROJECT COMPLETED**
- Frisco Athletic Center
 - General
 - **Previous Status** - As of August 25th, the FAC has a total of 4,538 membership accounts totaling more than 16,561 members.
 - Beginning October 1st, the Frisco ISD will begin offering their employees a FAC Membership Reimbursement Program. The FISC program will mirror the program offered by the City of Frisco, offering the employee a reimbursement of the monthly membership fee if the employee works out at least 10 times per month.
 - **Current Status** – Did you know that the membership of the FAC is almost split evenly between males and females? Males made up 49.4% of the Center's membership and Females constituted 50.6% of the membership.
 - Members under the age of 45 make up 86.5% of the total membership of the FAC.
 - By the end of August, the FAC had a total of 15,897 total members, with a daily average of 1,477 members attending the Center during the month.
 - Outdoor Aquatic Center
 - **Previous Status** - The outdoor aquatic area concluded its summer operation on Monday, September 1st. In addition to our summer workforce returning to school and colleges, the demand for outdoor usage also subsides with the beginning of school.
 - **Current Status** – The outdoor aquatic area concluded its seasonal operation on Labor Day. Moving forward, staff will continue to maintain the equipment, chemical levels and water clarity during the winter months. As common practice, the outdoor pools will continue to be filled with water and will continue to be maintained.
 - Indoor Recreation Area
 - **Previous Status** - In conjunction with the Outdoor Aquatic Area, the Zone's summer operating hours will conclude on August 24th. The Zone will resume its regular hours of operation which are M – F from 4:00pm – 9:00pm and Saturday from 8:00am – 4:00pm.
 - Staff is currently reviewing times in which certain maintenance activities can take place at the FAC. This would include activities such as touch-up painting, sealing of gymnasium floors, preventative maintenance of fitness equipment, etc. More information regarding this will be forthcoming over the next month.



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- **Current Status** – Staff is working with the Building Services Division to schedule annual maintenance items at the FAC. Maintenance items that will be performed include re-sealing of the hardwood floors in the gymnasium, racquetball courts and aerobic studios; tile and grout cleaning combined with re-sealing; painting of the major public corridors with a new more durable and maintenance friendly paint; carpet cleaning; glass cleaning and other items.
- Staff has elected to perform these items independently of each other as opposed to doing all of these items at once. By doing this, members will still be able to utilize portions of the facility at all times. Please note, certain portions of the facility will be closed during some of the maintenance activities due to the nature and duration of the applications, i.e. the gymnasium will be closed for approximately two days. We will schedule these activities at time in which we believe our members will be least impacted.

Ongoing Maintenance of maturing areas of the city:

- Reinvestment to current park assets
 - Description – Staff is currently moving forward with the redevelopment of the following older park sites.
 - Duncan Park (Currently funded for 2009)
 - **Previous Status** – The playground equipment was shipped in the last week in August from the manufacturer and should arrive for the contractor by September 2, 2008. Once it has arrived and the contractor begins work, this process is expected to take approximately 2-3 weeks to complete.
 - **Current Status** – Staff will be bringing forth a professional services agreement for the reinvestment of this park site during the month of October. Anticipated reinvestment will include sidewalk trail around the perimeter of the park, new landscaping, upgrading of the irrigation system, sign enhancement, and replacement of the existing playground. This playground system is separate from the additional playground system that the City has partnered with the Curtsinger PTA.
 - First Street Park (Currently funded for 2008)
 - Preston North Park (Currently funded for 2008)
 - Youth Center Park (Currently funded for 2008)



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- **Previous Status** – Staff is working on presenting a proposal for professional services for master planning and development of the park for reinvestment.
- **Current Status** – Staff is completing the professional services agreement for the master planning and development of the park's reinvestment and will be bringing this to the City Council for their consideration in October. Once this has been done, staff will be setting up times in which a public meeting with the neighborhood to discuss improvements to the park.
- Bi-Centennial Park
 - **Previous Status** – The site has been acquired and Staff is working with a consultant to bring forward a scope of services and contract for design work for the expansion of the park.
 - **Current Status** – Staff is completing the professional services agreement for the master planning and development of the park's reinvestment and will be bringing this to the City Council for their consideration in October. Once approved, staff will be meeting with the area to discuss the improvements to this area.

Park Development:

- Completed Neighborhood Parks:
 - Description – The following neighborhood parks were completed in 2008
 - Vivian Stark McCallum
 - Tuscany Village
 - J.C. Grant
 - Coyote Crossing
 - Foncine Settlement Park
- Neighborhood Parks Currently under Development:
 - Beavers Bend Pond and Trail Project
 - Description – This project includes the redevelopment of a pond located on the west side of Beavers Bend Park as well as the development of a concrete trail that will provide connection from Beavers Bend to Fourth Army Memorial Road, which is adjacent to B.F. Phillips Community Park.
 - **Previous Status** – The majority of the pond improvements have been completed and the construction of the trail should begin after Labor Day. Excavation of the playground system at the Stewart Creek HOA area of the project should begin in early September.



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- **Current Status** – Construction of the trail is approximately forty percent complete with completion anticipated within the next 2-3 weeks. Pouring of the playground perimeter has taken place in anticipation of installing the playground equipment. Improvements to the pond are near completion and anticipated to be finished by the beginning of October.
- Hummingbird Park Development
 - **Description** – This neighborhood park development will be taking place along Honey Grove Drive adjacent to Isabel Sem Elementary School.
 - **Previous Status** – The contractor continues to work on site work at the park and staff is working with the contractor as they have had staffing changes in August. Staff is working through this with the contractor in an attempt to ensure that the project gets back on schedule.
 - **Current Status** – During the past month, the contractor has completed approximately 65% of the sidewalk trail. Site work on the park is about 85% with finish grading still needed to take place. The pedestrian bridge is expected to be constructed within the next 30-45 days. While the project continues to be behind schedule, staff has been clear with the contractor about getting the project moving forward. Oversight on the project continues to be done in a proactive approach by staff.
- Stephens Green Park Development
 - **Description** – This neighborhood park is located adjacent to Ashley Elementary School and is located in the Stonelake Estates development.
 - **Previous Status** – The multi-purpose court has been completed and the trail and parking area are near completion. Work on the playground perimeter has begun and will continue for the next 2 weeks. The installation of the irrigation system at the park has begun and will continue for the next several weeks.
 - **Current Status** – Progress has moved forward well over the past month. The parking area is complete, with work on the playground is currently in progress and should be completed within the next month. Landscaping of the park is underway and will continue during the next month. Construction of the bridge is anticipated to be completed within the next 6 weeks.
- Crescent Park Development



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- Description – This neighborhood park is located adjacent to Pink Elementary and Griffin Middle School in the Griffin Parc development.
- **Previous Status** – The construction of the trail has been completed and initial work on the playground has begun in late August. This process will continue for the next several weeks in September.
- **Current Status** – The playground has been installed and completed in September. The construction of the park pavilion has begun and should be completed during the next month. The installation of irrigation has been completed and landscaping for the park will be taking place over the next month.

Neighborhood Parks being Master Planned

- Description and Status – ALL MASTER PLANS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR FY'08
- Park Construction
 - Community Parks
 - Description – The following community parks are currently under construction:
 - B.F. Phillips Community Park – Phase I
 - **Previous Status** – The project is complete with the exception of punch list items needing to be addressed by the contractor over the next several weeks. Additionally, paving work on Fourth Army Memorial continues to take place and the contractor is hopeful that work on Fourth Army will be completed during September.
 - **Current Status** – The contractor continues to work on final punch list items and hopefully will be finished with these over the next month. The paving of Fourth Army Memorial was accomplished in mid-September and is currently curing. Striping and acceptance of the road should take place over the next 30-45 days.
 - Description – The following community parks are completed
 - Harold Bacchus Community Park – Phase II
 - Warren Sports Complex – Phase VI
- Community Parks being Master Planned:
 - There are no community parks currently being master planned.
- Grand Park
 - **Previous Status** – Staff is working together with the consultant to meet with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TECQ) to discuss water rights and storage use of water for the proposed lake and water bodies at the Grand Park.



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- **Current Status** - Staff will be meeting with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TECQ) on October 3, 2008 to discuss the project and specifically water right issues and storage use of water associated with the park. This meeting had to be rescheduled due to weather conditions associated with Hurricane Ike postponing it earlier in September.
- Cottonwood Linear Park
 - **Description** – Located along Cottonwood Creek, primarily from Legacy Parkway westward to Teel Parkway, this is a partnership project between the developer of Shaddock Creek Estates and the City in an effort to provide development and to transfer ownership of the property to the City.
 - **Previous Status** – There has been no status change in this project during the month of August.
 - **Current Status** – Staff regularly keeps in contact with the developer for this project and due to a downturn in the housing industry, this project will likely be delayed to 2009 at best. Staff will continue to monitor this in case of issues that might accelerate its development.

Special Parks and Facilities

- **Description** – Possible development of a dog park facility
- **Previous Status** – Staff held a public input meeting on August 12th, 2008 at Bledsoe Elementary School. At this meeting, Staff and the consultants fielded questions, as well as received input on what elements residents would like to see in a Dog Park if one was constructed. We will be having another meeting on September 23rd at Pioneer Middle School to present options and provide additional information to the residents. It is anticipated that after that meeting Staff will schedule a joint meeting between Parks and Recreation Board and the Community Development Corporation to discuss and ultimately consider and act upon revising the B.F. Phillips Master Plan.
- **Current Status**- The second public meeting for this project was held on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at the Pioneer Heritage Middle School. Approximately 38 persons attended this meeting and helped to provide input to staff as well as the park consultant regarding what elements of a dog park would be appropriate if this were to ultimately take place at B.F. Phillips Community Park. As a result of this meeting, staff will be taking this information to the Parks and Recreation Board as well as the Frisco Community Development Corporation for their consideration in revising the master plan for this community park. This joint meeting will likely take place in November, once both boards have had new members inducted.



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Special Events:

- Recently completed events:
 - Park Dedications:
 - Vivian Stark McCallum Park was dedicated to the community on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. Due to inclement weather conditions as a result of Hurricane Ike, the ceremony was done at the Vivian Stark McCallum Room of the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center to an overflowing group of supporters of Ms. McCallum's contributions to the City.
 - J.C. Grant Park was dedicated on the sun filled evening of Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. With an acceptance by the great grandson of former Mayor J.C. Grant, a turnout of over fifty people helped to celebrate this neighborhood park.
 - Foncine Settlement was celebrated during the morning of Saturday, September 20th. Attendees from the Carter and Adams families along with representatives from the Heritage Association helped to recognize the Foncine community and its history at that time.
- Upcoming events:
 - Upcoming Park Dedication:
 - B.F. Phillips Community Park – As a result of weather conditions caused by Hurricane Ike, the September 13th date for dedication of this community park was postponed until the Spring of 2009, when activity and weather conditions will be more conducive. Firm dates for the spring dedication of Phillips Community Park will be set over the next few months.
 - Mother-Son Dance - Saturday, October 11, 2008 at Wakeland High School. At the time of this report, there have been over 554 tickets sold for the two dances. Tickets will be available for purchase until October 10, 2008 at the Frisco Athletic Center.
 - ArborFest – Saturday, October 11, 2008 will be done in conjunction with the City of Frisco's Green Health & Safety Fair at the Frisco Athletic Center.
 - Breakfast with Santa – Saturday, December 6, 2008 will be held at the Senior Center at Frisco Square.
 - 18th Annual Merry Main Street – Saturday, December 6, 2008. Staff is in full preparation for this annual event that will take place at the Simpson Plaza, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Traditionally, thousands of residents attend this event that began as a Christmas Tree lighting at the City's Central Fire Station in 1990.
 - Frosty 5K Run – Saturday, December 13, 2008 at the George A. Purefoy Municipal Complex Plaza at 9:00 a.m.



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- Santa Skate - Saturday, December 13, 2008 at the Dr Pepper Star Center. Due to construction at the Center, there will be only one skate time from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- 12th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance – Saturday, February 7, 2009 at the Frisco Convention Center. This year we are adding dinner options, along with a weekend get-away at the Embassy Hotel.

Expand Youth Involvement in the City:

- New Recreation and Aquatic Center
 - With summer coming to an end, attendance at the Fun Club and the Zone dropped during the month of August. By the end of the month, more than 6,450 visits took place at these locations within the FAC.
- Youth Activity Center
 - **Previous Status** – No change in status on this project during the month of August.
 - **Current Status** – Now that land has been acquired for the skateboard park facility, staff is currently researching consultants to provide assistance in the ultimate design of this facility. Finding the right company will be important to help identify what elements will best suited for the facility. Staff will continue this process over the next couple of months and provide updates during that time.